



COMMUNITY PROFILE: NELSON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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LOCATION

NELSON - BRITISH COLUMBIA



DISTANCE TO MAJOR CITIES

Metro Area	Kilometres	Miles	Approximate Time
Vancouver, BC	660	410	7 hrs, 16 min
Calgary, AB	636	395	6 hrs, 41 min
Spokane, WA	267	166	3 hrs, 50 min
Victoria, BC	738	459	9 hrs, 49 min
Kelowna, BC	340	211	3 hrs, 53 min
Kamloops, BC	462	287	6 hrs, 1 min
Edmonton, AB	935	581	9 hrs, 50 min

Source: [Ministry of Transportation](#)

COORDINATES, ELEVATION AND AREA

	Nelson
Longitude	117°17'44"W
Latitude	49°29'34"N
Elevation (meters)	560
Area (km ²)	16.02

Source: Natural Resources Canada, [The Atlas of Canada](#)

NELSON MUNICIPAL WEBSITE

<http://www.nelson.ca/>

DEMOGRAPHICS

POPULATION ESTIMATES 2014

	2014 Population	2011 Population
Nelson	10,532	10,371
Kootenay Development Region	148,379	148,470
BC	4,631,302	4,499,139

Source: [BC Stats](#)

AGE CHARACTERISTICS 2011

	Nelson			British Columbia		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Children (0 to 14 years)	820	815	1,620	347,550	329,805	677,360
Emerging Labour Force (15 to 24 years)	620	630	1,245	283,960	271,035	554,990
Primary Labour Force (25 to 64 years)	2,765	3,020	5,790	1,208,320	1,270,655	2,478,985
Seniors (65+ years)	645	930	1,575	316,750	371,955	688,715
Total population	4,855	5,375	10,230	2,156,600	2,243,455	4,400,055
Median age of population	39.5	42.2	40.9	41.1	42.7	41.9

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2011](#)

MARITAL STATUS 2011

	Nelson			British Columbia		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Total Population 15 years+	4,035	4,570	8,610	1,809,045	1,913,650	3,722,695
Married	1,650	1,655	3,305	913,430	919,175	1,832,605
Living common law	495	500	990	161,530	160,435	321,965
Single (never legally married)	1,395	1,275	2,670	550,830	463,435	1,014,270
Separated	140	170	310	43,570	58,470	102,040
Divorced	260	510	775	98,130	148,385	246,515
Widowed	90	460	550	41,550	163,750	205,300

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2011](#)

MOBILITY STATUS OVER 5-YEAR PERIOD 2011 – POPULATION PROPORTIONS

	Nelson	British Columbia
Non-movers (%)	50.5%	57.2%
Movers Non-migrants (%)	23.1%	21.6%
Intraprovincial migrants (%)	13.8%	11.9%
Interprovincial migrants (%)	10.7%	4.1%
External migrants (%)	2.0%	5.2%

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

HOUSEHOLDS BY SIZE 2011

	Nelson	British Columbia
Total Households	4,625	1,764,640
1 Person	1,695	498,925
2 Persons	1,515	613,270
3 Persons	660	264,135
4 Persons	560	237,725
5 Persons	150	91,600
6+ Persons	45	58,985
Average Persons per Household	2.2	2.5

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2011](#)

HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE 2011

	Nelson	British Columbia
Total private households	4,625	1,764,635
Couple families without children	990	458,880
Couple families with children	945	439,150
Lone-parent families	465	143,445
One-family households with additional non-family persons	190	91,190
Two-or-more-family households	40	50,415
One-person households	1,695	498,925
Non-family households with two or more persons	305	82,640

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2011](#)

INCOME

PERSONAL INCOME 2012

	Nelson	British Columbia
Number of Returns Under 10,000	1310	637,790
10,000-14,999	1020	343,260
15,000-19,999	950	329,290
20,000-24,999	750	262,850
25,000-29,999	630	211,370
30,000-34,999	560	198,510
35,000-39,999	540	191,780
40,000-44,999	500	182,470
45,000-49,999	360	153,520
50,000-59,999	640	248,450
60,000-69,999	470	191,970
70,000-79,999	300	145,330
80,000-89,999	260	111,390
90,000-99,999	150	75,200
100,000-149,999	320	157,840

150,000-249,999	80	57,170
250,000+	30	26,460
Average Income (\$)	37,541	42,453

Source: [Canada Revenue Agency 2014](#)

COMPOSITION OF TOTAL INCOME OF POPULATION BY SOURCE 2010

	Nelson	British Columbia
Employment income %	71.4	73.7
Investment income %	5.7	6.1
Retirement pensions, superannuation and annuities %	8.6	6.9
Other market income %	1.4	1.7
Canada/Quebec Pension Plan benefits %	4.5	3.7
Old Age Security pensions and Guaranteed Income Supplement %	3.0	3.3
Employment Insurance benefits %	1.5	1.5
Child benefits %	1.4	1.2
Other income from government sources %	2.5	2.0

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

HOUSEHOLD INCOME 2010

	Nelson	British Columbia
Total number of households	4,625	1,764,630
Under \$5,000	105	60,125
\$5,000 to \$9,999	85	36,340
\$10,000 to \$14,999	240	59,965
\$15,000 to \$19,999	280	96,600
\$20,000 to \$29,999	605	157,605
\$30,000 to \$39,999	565	167,220
\$40,000 to \$49,999	485	158,400
\$50,000 to \$59,999	310	140,340
\$60,000 to \$79,999	655	246,720
\$80,000 to \$99,999	455	193,180

\$100,000 to \$124,999	320	167,415
\$125,000 to \$149,999	175	106,325
\$150,000 and over	335	174,385
Median household total income \$	48,077	60,333
Average household total income \$	65,109	77,378

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY 2012

	Nelson Local Health Area	BC
Population receiving Income Assistance (%)	2.6	1.7
Population 15+ receiving Employment Insurance (%)	2.3	1.3

Source: BC Stats, [Socio-Economic Profiles](#)

HOUSEHOLD AVERAGE SPENDING BREAKDOWN 2013 (\$ PER YEAR)

	British Columbia	Population centre 1,000 to 29,999	Rural area
Total expenditure	78,414	70,633	72,040
Food expenditures	8,084	7,302	7,340
Shelter	18,766	13,640	13,346
Household operation	4,339	4,030	4,363
Household furnishings and equipment	2,067	1,695	2,028
Clothing and accessories	3,451	3,206	2,801
Transportation	11,184	11,680	12,583
Health care	2,790	3,392	2,604
Personal care	1,222	1,010	1,087
Recreation	3,909	3,884	4,518
Education	1,831	778	635
Reading materials and other printed matter	193	174	177
Tobacco products and alcoholic beverages	1,256	1,400	1,415
Games of chance	232	170	158
Miscellaneous	1,684	1,668	1,508

expenditures

Income taxes	11,113	10,886	11,252
Personal insurance payments and pension contributions	4,138	4,261	4,003
Gifts of money, support payments and charitable contributions	2,155	1,457	2,224

Source: Statistics Canada, [Survey of Household Spending \(SHS\)](#)

HOUSING

DWELLINGS BY STRUCTURE 2011

	Nelson	British Columbia
Total number of occupied private dwellings	4,630	1,764,635
Single-detached house	2,510	842,120
Apartment, building that has five or more storeys	0	143,970
Movable dwelling	95	46,960
Semi-detached house	210	52,825
Row house	190	130,365
Apartment, duplex	455	184,355
Apartment, building that has fewer than five storeys	1,145	361,150
Other single-attached house	10	2,885

Source: Statistics Canada, [Census 2011](#)

AVERAGE OWNER-OCCUPIED DWELLING VALUES 2011

	Nelson	British Columbia
Private non-farm, non-reserve dwellings	2,915	1,202,000
Average value of dwelling (\$)	365,792	543,635

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING VALUES 2015

	Nelson	Basin-Boundary Region
Number of single family dwellings	2,501	45,238
Under \$50,000	0%	0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	0%	3%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	0%	9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2%	15%
\$200,000 to \$249,999	12%	19%
\$250,000 to \$299,999	24%	17%
\$300,000 to \$349,999	26%	12%
\$350,000 to \$399,999	17%	8%
\$400,000 to \$499,999	13%	8%
\$500,000 to \$749,999	4%	6%
\$750,000 or more	0%	2%
Median value of dwelling \$	319,000	260,100

Source: BC Assessment (Custom Data)

HOUSEHOLDS AND SHELTER COSTS BY TENURE 2011

	Nelson	British Columbia
Total number of private households	4,630	1,764,630
Total number of owner-occupied private households	2,920	1,234,710
Total number of renter-occupied private households	1,710	524,995
Median monthly shelter costs for owned dwellings	717	1,023
Median monthly shelter costs for rented dwellings	801	903

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

DWELLINGS BY PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION 2011

	Nelson	British Columbia
Total number of occupied private dwellings	4,630	1,764,630
1960 or before	2,280	282,675
1961 to 1980	1,115	551,655

1981 to 1990	235	308,450
1991 to 2000	460	329,780
2001 to 2005	155	133,235
2006 to 2011	385	158,845

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

LABOUR FORCE

LABOUR FORCE ACTIVITY 2014

	Kootenay Development Region		British Columbia	
	2011	2014	2011	2014
Population 15 years and older (000)	124.4	122.3	3,778.8	3854.5
Full-time employment (000)	51.3	53.2	1,759.9	1814.2
Part-time employment (000)	19.3	14.3	514.7	493.9
Unemployment (000)	6.1	5.0	183.4	162.4
Not in labour force (000)	47.7	49.8	1,320.8	1384.0
Unemployment rate (%)	8.0	6.9	7.5	6.6
Participation rate (%)	61.7	59.3	65	64.1
Employment rate (%)	56.8	55.2	60.2	59.9

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Data

LABOUR FORCE BY OCCUPATION 2011

	Nelson	British Columbia
Management occupations	620	263,685
Business, finance and administrative occupations	630	368,980
Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	530	154,055
Health occupations	385	147,620
Occupations in education, law and social, community and government services	670	265,910
Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	280	78,565

Sales and service occupations	1,290	554,345
Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	615	337,140
Natural resources, agriculture and related production occupations	80	60,295
Occupations in manufacturing and utilities	205	74,720
All occupations	5,305	2,305,320

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY 2014

	Kootenay Development Region (000s)	British Columbia (000s)
Total labour force 15 years and over	72.5	2425.4
Agriculture	0	27.5
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	7.4	53.7
Utilities	0	13.9
Construction	5	214.2
Manufacturing	4.8	168.1
Trade	12.2	369.9
Transportation and warehousing	3.6	137.6
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	3.2	140.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	2	187.4
Business, building and other support services	1.9	94.4
Educational services	5.1	171.2
Health care and social assistance	9.6	275
Information, culture and recreation	2.7	112.4
Accommodation and food services	5.5	195.5
Other services	3.4	104.7
Public administration	2	100.9
Unclassified Industries	2.2	58.3

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Data

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY 2014

	Kootenay Development Region (000s)	British Columbia (000s)
Total employees 15 years and over	67.5	2278.4
Agriculture	0	24.3
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	7.2	50
Utilities	0	13.7
Construction	4.6	200.5
Manufacturing	4.7	161.4
Trade	11.8	358
Transportation and warehousing	3.3	133.8
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	3.1	137.2
Professional, scientific and technical services	1.9	182.3
Business, building and other support services	1.7	87.9
Educational services	5	166.3
Health care and social assistance	9.5	269.8
Information, culture and recreation	2.5	107.7
Accommodation and food services	5.2	185.3
Other services	3.3	102.4
Public administration	1.9	97.9
Unclassified Industries	0	0

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Data

MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE BY INDUSTRY 2014 (\$)

	Kootenay Development Region	British Columbia
All Industries	23.00	21.79
Agriculture	0.00	15.00
Forestry, fishing, mining, quarrying, oil and gas	33.27	28.00
Utilities	0.00	32.00
Construction	25.00	25.64
Manufacturing	27.00	24.00

Trade	17.00	15.00
Transportation and warehousing	25.27	25.00
Finance, insurance, real estate and leasing	22.12	22.44
Professional, scientific and technical services	0.00	28.85
Business, building and other support services	0.00	16.00
Educational services	28.37	26.00
Health care and social assistance	22.00	22.94
Information, culture and recreation	18.82	21.00
Accommodation and food services	12.00	12.00
Other services	19.23	17.99
Public administration	27.00	31.00

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, Custom Data

Note: 0.00 implies suppressed/unknown values

MEDIAN COMMUTE DURATION 2011

	Nelson	British Columbia
Duration (minutes)	10.8	20.4

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

PLACE OF WORK STATUS 2011

	Nelson	British Columbia
Total employed labour force 15 years and older	4,970	2,171,470
Worked at home	445	174,000
Worked outside Canada	0	12,480
No fixed workplace address	615	304,465
Worked at usual place	3,900	1,680,525

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

EDUCATION

HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT 2011

	Nelson	British Columbia
Total population 15 years or older	8,285	3,646,840
No certificate, diploma or degree	1,030	607,655

High school certificate or equivalent	2,375	1,009,400
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	775	387,455
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma	1,820	628,115
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	330	208,245
Bachelor's degree	1,175	511,240
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level	775	294,725

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY 2011

	Nelson	British Columbia
Total population over 15 years with postsecondary qualifications	4,880	2,029,785
Education	355	149,980
Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies	285	89,230
Humanities	260	120,340
Social and behavioural sciences and law	490	209,655
Business, management and public administration	830	412,335
Physical and life sciences and technologies	250	79,980
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	90	72,705
Architecture, engineering, and related technologies	895	421,115
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	300	49,275
Health and related fields	825	308,880
Personal, protective and transportation services	300	116,025
Other fields of study	0	270

Source: Statistics Canada, [National Household Survey 2011](#)

SCHOOLS AND ENROLMENTS 2014/15

	Kootenay Lake School District	
	2011/12	2014/15
Number of Elementary Schools	22	25
Elementary School Enrollment	2,719	2,736

Number of Secondary Schools	3	3
Secondary School Enrollment	2,303	2,156

Source: British Columbia [Ministry of Education](#)

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION FTEs - BC

Institution	2012/13	2013/14
British Columbia Institute of Technology	12,953	13,335
Camosun College	7,018	7,024
Capilano University	5,620	5,209
College of New Caledonia	2,140	2,022
College of the Rockies	1,700	1,750
Douglas College	8,792	9,097
Emily Carr University of Art + Design	1,458	1,500
Justice Institute of British Columbia	2,687	2,597
Kwantlen Polytechnic University	9,273	9,309
Langara College	7,370	7,232
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	549	554
North Island College	1,972	1,947
Northern Lights College	874	831
Northwest Community College	1,009	1,126
Okanagan College	5,379	5,070
Royal Roads University	2,440	2,440
Selkirk College	1,725	1,755
Simon Fraser University	22,661	22,701
Thompson Rivers University	7,967	8,474
University of British Columbia	45,650	45,353
University of Northern British Columbia	2,888	2,833
University of the Fraser Valley	6,852	6,755
University of Victoria	16,524	16,649
Vancouver Community College	6,352	6,112
Vancouver Island University	6,009	5,873

Total	187,862	187,548
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Source: [DataBC](#)

QUALITY OF LIFE

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Castlegar A Weather Station	July	December
Daily Average (°C)	20.2	-2.1
Daily Maximum (°C)	28.1	0
Daily Minimum (°C)	12.2	-4.2
Precipitation (mm)	48.1	90.3

Source: National Climate Data and Information Archive: [1981-2010 Climate Normals](#)

HEALTH INDICATORS 2013

	Kootenay-Boundary Health Service Delivery Area		British Columbia	
	2010 (% of population)	2013 (% of population)	2010 (% of population)	2013 (% of population)
Perceived health, very good or excellent	58.8	61.1	58.6	59.9
Perceived mental health, very good or excellent	67.6	69	70.4	68.7
Overweight or obese	51.4	46.7	45.1	46.6
Sense of community belonging, somewhat strong or very strong	85.7	78.7	68.9	68.3
Life satisfaction, satisfied or very satisfied	93.6	92.2	90.9	91

Source: Statistics Canada, [Health Profile 2013](#)

CRIME STATISTICS 2011

	Nelson Local Health Area	British Columbia
Serious Violent Crime Rate	1.5	3.3
Serious Property Crime Rate	3.0	7.8
Total Serious Crime Rate	4.5	11.1
# of Serious Crimes per Police Officer	4.1	7.7

Source: BC Stats [Socio-Economic Indices](#)

Note: rates are offences per 1000 population, averaged from 2009 to 2011

SELECTED EVENTS

Top Annual Events	Date(s)
Kootenay Coldsmoke Powder Festival	Third weekend of February
Whitewater Winter Beach Party Bash	First weekend of April
Kaslo May Days	Victoria Day Long Weekend in May
Cottonwood Outdoor Market (Saturday)	May – October
Castlegar Sculpture Walk	May – September
Downtown Farmers Market (Wednesday)	June – September
Garden Fest	Mid-May
Market Fest (Evening Market)	Last Friday in June, July & August
Fall Fair	End of September
Canada Community Celebration at Lakeside Park	July 1
ArtWalk	July 1 – September 30
Toad Rock Motorcycle Rally	July Long Weekend
Starbelly Jam in Crawford Bay	July
Fat Tire Fest	Second Week in July
Keep the Beat Nelson	Last Wednesday in July
Kaslo Jazz Etc. Music Festival	August Long Weekend
Cyswog 'N' Fun Triathlon	First Sunday in August
Shambhala Music Festival	Early August
Harrop Harvest Festival	September
Kootenay Storytelling Festival	September
Nelson Road Kings' Queen City Cruise	September
Hills Garlic Festival	September
Country Christmas Craft Fair	November
Kootenay Artisans Christmas Market	Late November or Early December
Christmas on Baker	December
Christmas by the Lake (Silverton)	First Weekend in December

Source: RDI Research.

SELECTED CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES (WITHIN A TWO-HOUR DRIVE)

Amenities	Activity
Ainsworth Hotsprings	Hotsprings
Balfour Golf Course	Golf
Crawford Bay Artisans	Broom Making/Weaving/ Pottery/ Metalworks / Copper & Glass
Glass House	Roadside Attraction
Granite Pointe Golf	Golf
Kokanee Creek Provincial Park	Camping/Hiking/Swimming/Fishing/Boating
Kokanee Glacier	Hiking/Rock Climbing/Camping/
Kokanee Springs Golf Resort	Golf
Kootenay Lake	Boating/Kayaking/Swimming/Water Skiing/ Camping/ Fishing/Sailing/ Wind Surfing
Nelson's Baker Street	Shopping/Dining/Entertainment
Nelson – Salmo Great Northern Rail Trail	Mountain Biking & Hiking
West Arm Park	Hiking/Tent Camping
Whitewater Ski Resort	Skiing & Snowboarding
Red Mountain	Skiing/ Snowboarding
Sandon & Silverton	Historic Town Sightseeing/Hiking
Selkirk Mountains	Heli-skiing/Catskiing/Hiking/Fishing/Dirt

Streetcar 23	Biking/Camping/ATV/Snow Mobiling
Syringa Park	Historic Streetcar/Sightseeing
Slocan River	Camping/Hiking/Boating/Fishing/Swimming
Touchstones Museum of Art & History	Rafting/Kayaking/Tubing/Fishing/Swimming
Valley View Golf Club	Art Gallery/Natural & Cultural History Museum
Valhalla Provincial Park	Golf
Nelson Salmo Great Northern Trail	Hiking/Tent Camping
Slocan River	Mountain Biking & Hiking
	Rafting/Kayaking/Tubing/Fishing/Swimming

Source: RDI Research.

TAXATION

DEVELOPMENT COST CHARGES 2012

	Nelson
Residential Single-Family (\$ Per Unit)	-
Residential Multi-Family (\$ Per Unit)	-
Commercial (\$ Per Square Metre)	-
Industrial (\$ Per Square Metre)	-

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

MUNICIPAL TAX RATES BY PROPERTY CLASS 2015

Property Class	Authenticated Roll General Taxable Values	Municipal Purposes Tax Rates	Tax Class Multiples	Total	
				Municipal Variable Rate Taxes	Total Municipal Taxes
Residential	1,231,745,600	4.69	1.00	5,770,974	5,771,845
Utilities	101,785,310	32.92	7.03	3,350,457	6,179,178
Supportive Housing	10	4.69	1.00	0	0
Major Industry	0	0.00	0.00	0	0
Light Industry	1,071,800	8.59	1.83	9,207	9,207
Business/Other	210,555,800	9.56	2.04	2,013,019	2,014,187
Managed Forest	0	4.69	1.00	0	0
Recreation	1,760,100	2.90	0.62	5,104	5,104
Farm	0	4.69	1.00	0	0
Totals	1,546,918,620			11,148,762	13,979,522

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

TAXES AND CHARGES ON A REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE 2015

	Nelson
House Value	322,353
School	821
General Municipal Total	1,510
Regional District	565
Hospital	98
BCA, MFA and Other	19
Total Residential Variable Rate Taxes	3,013
Total Residential Parcel Taxes	15
Total Residential User Fees	1,104
Total Residential Property Taxes And Charges	4,132

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

INFRASTRUCTURE

WATER SERVICES

	City of Nelson
Provider	City of Nelson
Average Per Capita Daily Demand (2014)	549 L
Annual Water Rate (Single Family Residential) (2015)	\$569
Annual Water Rate (Industrial/Commercial/Institutional) (2015)	\$varies
Water Connection Fee (2015)	\$varies
Length of Pipe	87 km

Source: [Nelson Water Rates Bylaw](#) and [Fees and Charges Bylaw](#), Columbia Basin Trust [Water Smart Initiative](#), Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

SEWER SERVICES

	City of Nelson
Provider	City of Nelson
Type of Treatment	Secondary
Annual Sewer Rate (Single Family Residential) (2015)	\$495
Annual Sewer Rate (Industrial/Commercial/Institutional) (2015)	\$varies
Sewer Connection Fee (2015)	\$varies
Length of Pipe	81 km

Source: [Nelson Sewer Rates Bylaw](#) and [Fees and Charges Bylaw](#), Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

SERVICE PROVIDERS

Nelson	
Electric Power	Nelson Hydro
Natural Gas	Fortis BC
Telecommunications	Telus, Shaw, Nelson Broadband

Source: [City of Nelson](#), [Nelson Hydro](#),

LANDFILL AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Nelson	
Landfill Location	Nelson Transfer Station
Waste Disposal Rate – RDCK 2012	477 kg/person/year
Type of Service	Curbside Garbage and Recycling Pickup

Source: [Regional District of Central Kootenay](#), [BC Ministry of Environment](#)

PAVED AND UNPAVED ROAD LENGTHS 2013

	Nelson	Combined BC Municipalities
Distance of Paved Roads (km)	85	26,856
Distance of Unpaved Roads (km)	21	1,629

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

TRAFFIC 2012

Station Location	Annual Average Daily Traffic (Number of Vehicles)	Summer Average Daily Traffic (Number of Vehicles)
Route 3A/6, 3.6 km west of Route 3A, Nelson	7,723	8,317

Source: Ministry Transportation and Infrastructure [Traffic Data Program](#)

BUSINESS

BUSINESS FORMATIONS 2013

	Nelson	British Columbia
2009	72	26,431
2010	72	30,305
2011	79	30,844
2012	67	31,066
2013	57	32,225

Source: BC Stats, [Business Formations and Failures](#)

BANKRUPTCIES 2013

	Kootenay Development Region		British Columbia	
	Bankruptcies - Business	Bankruptcies - Consumer	Bankruptcies - Business	Bankruptcies - Consumer
2009	9	339	380	10,639
2010	7	305	229	9,674
2011	7	244	192	8,040
2012	12	291	192	7,562
2013	6	248	189	7,130

Source: BC Stats, [Business Formations and Failures](#)

TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS 2014 (\$ 000)

	Nelson	Kootenay Development Region	British Columbia
2010	22,276	302,380	9,723,809
2011	17,208	232,172	9,249,767
2012	10,009	244,964	10,759,583
2013	10,021	215,735	10,158,890
2014	18,086	263,109	11,076,715

Source: BC Stats, [Building Permits, Housing Starts and Sales](#)

BUILDING PERMITS BY TYPE 2014

	Nelson	Kootenay Development Region	British Columbia
Residential (\$ 000)	12,641	204,316	7,347,640
Industrial (\$ 000)	250	6,669	354,651
Commercial (\$ 000)	3,740	29,574	2,213,014
Institutional and Government (\$ 000)	1,455	22,550	1,161,410
Residential (Total number of units)	39	548	28,709

Source: BC Stats, [Building Permits, Housing Starts and Sales](#)

LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES 2013

Year	Nelson		British Columbia	
	Number of Personal Vehicles	Number of Commercial Vehicles	Number of Personal Vehicles	Number of Commercial Vehicles
1985	6,067	2,907	1,219,940	442,456
1995	7,374	4,164	1,561,183	542,548
2005	8,287	3,914	1,917,802	616,952
2010	8,863	4,385	2,062,433	688,846
2013	9,192	4,594	2,147,741	724,742

Source: BC Stats, [Other Economic Statistics](#)

NUMBER OF BUSINESSES BY EMPLOYEE SIZE AND INDUSTRY TYPE 2013 (KOOTENAY DEVELOPMENT REGION)

	Employee Size Range							
	Indeterminate	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 19	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 plus	All Sizes
Total, All Industries	25,221	3,409	1,456	769	421	182	30	31488
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	2,097	213	83	51	23	8	0	2475
Mining & Oil & Gas Extraction	183	30	9	3	4	1	6	236
Utilities	65	5	5	3	5	6	0	89
Construction	2,577	602	188	70	26	10	0	3473
Manufacturing	549	108	46	23	21	18	3	768
Wholesale Trade	217	78	55	23	18	5	0	396
Retail Trade	1,276	363	265	171	68	26	3	2172
Transportation & Warehousing	501	171	59	33	21	4	1	790
Information & Cultural Industries	254	44	16	15	12	2	0	343
Finance & Insurance	526	79	46	31	25	7	0	714
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	8,905	236	58	23	6	4	0	9232
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	2,279	375	61	34	15	8	0	2772

Management of Companies & Enterprises	277	27	7	1	0	0	0	312
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgmt. & Remediation	1,150	117	67	18	11	6	0	1369
Educational Services	376	30	10	8	7	1	6	438
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,052	318	115	60	35	30	6	1616
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	689	69	37	26	16	15	1	853
Accommodation & Food Services	764	141	184	127	89	14	3	1322
Other Services	1,467	385	129	42	14	4	0	2041
Public Administration	17	18	16	7	5	13	1	77

Source: BC Stats, [Business Counts and Employment by Industry](#)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL ASSETS 2013

	Nelson (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Cash and Investments	27,541,441	7,914,366,626
Taxes Receivable	582,718	219,220,705
Receivables from Government	307,684	196,045,154
Receivables from non-Government	4,731,607	777,934,308
MFA Deposit Notes	283,837	74,699,807
Loans Receivable	4,190,671	55,424,221
Government Business Enterprise Equity	0	57,592,573
Other Financial Assets	0	38,955,655
Property Held for Resale	0	297,595,860
Total Financial Assets	37,637,958	9,631,834,909

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

MUNICIPAL REVENUES 2013

	Nelson (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
Total Own Purpose Taxation and Grants in Lieu	8,784,662	4,032,474,079
Sale of Services	27,691,807	2,622,738,203
Transfers from Federal Governments	1,187,558	69,709,693
Transfers from Provincial Governments	956,076	380,837,870
Transfers from Regional and Other Governments	1,120,909	146,043,351
Investment Income	650,007	183,666,780
Income from Government Business Enterprise	0	9,708,343
Developer Contributions	0	744,424,465
Disposition of Assets	-874,626	128,795,014
Other Revenue	0	110,003,855
Total Revenue	39,516,393	8,428,401,653

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)

MUNICIPAL EXPENSES 2013

	Nelson (\$)	Combined BC Municipalities (\$)
General Government	3,019,905	779,512,444
Protective Services	5,449,611	1,715,372,493
Solid Waste Mgmt and Recycling	203,772	272,217,202
Health, Social Services and Housing	0	55,969,089
Development Services	435,561	191,284,371
Transportation and Transit	4,999,710	690,912,163
Parks, Recreation and Culture	3,072,428	1,175,617,232
Water Services	1,306,397	488,504,213
Sewer Services	1,395,140	407,468,765
Other Services	10,780,860	154,053,285
Amortization	4,778,361	1,054,284,756
Other Adjustments	0	-604,942
Total Expenses	35,441,745	6,984,591,071

Source: Ministry of Community, Sport & Cultural Development, [Local Government Statistics](#)